



# MA MISSISSIPPI BELLE.

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The piano introduction consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble staff with a melody of eighth and sixteenth notes and a bass staff with a simple accompaniment. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment, ending with a double bar line and a forte (ff) dynamic marking.

The first system of the vocal melody is on a single staff, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It includes two lines of lyrics. The piano accompaniment is on a grand staff (treble and bass staves) with a key signature of one flat. It features a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the bass and chords in the treble.

1. Down de Mis - sis - sip - pi, where de  
2. When we makes de land - in', an' I

The second system of the vocal melody continues the melody from the previous system. The piano accompaniment continues with the same eighth-note pattern in the bass and chords in the treble.

steam - boats run, Der's a land - in' dat I know so well;  
gits a - sho', Cose I goes a - cote - in' of ma belle.

The third system of the vocal melody concludes the piece. The piano accompaniment continues with the same eighth-note pattern in the bass and chords in the treble.

Where de southern breeze Slumbers in de trees, Lives a lit - tle gal I call ma  
Eyes as big an bright As de stars at night! How I love dat gal no tongue can

CHORUS

Ma Mis-sis-sip-pi belle, ma belle, Ma dar-ling, won't you tell,

Oh, tell me if your love, ma tur-tle dove, Is

on-ly goin' to lin-ger for a spell? Ma Mis-sis-sip-pi belle, ma belle, I

loves you might-y well, so well; Yes, and to you I will be true, Ma

Mis-sis-sip-pi belle, ma belle.



belle.  
tell.

Stand - in' on de land - in' is ma su - gar - plum,  
If dis pret - ty lit - tle gal will mar - ry me,

When de steam-boat puts in for de sho',—  
I won't go back on dat boat no mo'.

Sweet as sweet can be!  
'Cause it breaks her heart

Wait - in' dere for me, when she hears dat whis - tle blow, ..... Boo-oo-  
Dat we have to part when we hear dat whis - tle blow, ..... Boo-oo-

- oo - - oo, Boo-oo - oo - - oo, Boo-oo-oo-oo-oo-oo-oo-oo-oo-oo - oo! .....